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LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE
AND AMBASSADOR MCHENRY

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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: ZAMBIA TO URGE FRONT LINE PRESSURE ON NUJOMA

REF: LUSAKA 1110

1. PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT MARK CHONA AND I EXCHANGED
KAUNDA-CARTER LETTERS LATE FRIDAY EVENING AND THERE ENSUED
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ONE OF THE MOST POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS I HAVE EVER HAD WITH
HIM. THOUGH THE LETTERS DEALT WITH RHODESIA, THE BACKGROUND
NEWSCAST WAS TALKING ABOUT NAMIBIA, SO WE STARTED OFF THERE.

2. CHONA WAS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT NUJOMA'S DEPARTURE ON
AN EXTENDED TRIP THE DAY AFTER RECEIVING THE NAMIBIA PROPOSALS.
HE DID NOT BELIEVE NUJOMA SHOULD RECEIVE THEM SO CASUALLY AND

PARTICULARLY THAT SWAPO SHOULD DELAY REPLYING. (I HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT THE INTERIM REPLY WE HAD RECEIVED FROM SWAPO A FEW HOURS BEFORE.) CHONA SAID THAT NUJOMA HAD ASKED AT DAR THAT THE FRONT LINE COMMUNIQUE INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO NAMIBIA. AFTER SOME DEBATE THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS HAD DECIDED TO CONFINE THE COMMUNIQUE TO RHODESIA IN ORDER NOT TO DILUTE ITS IMPACT IN RELATION TO THAT MATTER. CHONA SAID HE BELIEVED KAUNDA AND THE OTHERS, HOWEVER, HAD VERY MUCH IN MIND ANOTHER FRONT LINE MEETING DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO NAMIBIA. NOW, HE SAID (SPEAKING FOR THE PRESIDENT) ZAMBIA WOULD CONTACT TANZANIA, MOZAMBIQUE, BOTSWANA AND ANGOLA TO URGE A COMMUNICATION TO NUJOMA REQUESTING THAT HE RETURN FROM HIS TRIP TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO HIM. CHONA DID NOT MAKE CLEAR WHETHER THERE WOULD ALSO BE A FRONT LINE MEETING ON THE SUBJECT BUT CERTAINLY IMPLIED THAT ZAMBIA WOULD SUGGEST ONE.

3. CHONA SAID KAUNDA WAS STILL STUDYING THE PROPOSAL, BUT HIS INITIAL REACTION WAS QUITE POSITIVE ABOUT IT. I NOTED THAT WE HAD SOME FURTHER ORAL EXPLANATIONS WE WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON AND CHONA REPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE THEM WHEN HE HAD COMPLETED HIS STUDY. CHONA BELIEVED SWAPO'S CAUTION STEMMED FROM ITS NATURAL SUSPICION AND CONCERN THAT IT REASSURE ITSELF THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS REALLY AS FAVORABLE AS IT APPEARED TO BE.

4. WE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE TIE BETWEEN NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN
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DEVELOPMENTS. CHONA HAS VERY MUCH IN MIND THAT PROGRESS IN NAMIBIA COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON RHODESIA. HE INDICATED CLEARLY THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA IS PREPARED TO ENGAGE ACTIVELY IN AN EFFORT TO PRESS NUJOMA TOWARDS POSITIVE CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSALS.

5. COMMENT: IN THE PAST, CHONA HAS BEEN MORE INCLINED TO PROTEST THAT ZAMBIA WAS THE "LOYAL REAR GUARD" OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND COULD NOT TRY TO INFLUENCE THEM. WE FIND IT ENCOURAGING THAT THIS TIME HE HAD NO HESITATION ABOUT INDICATING ZAMBIAN VIEWS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PRESS SWAPO TO ASSUME A REASONABLE POSTURE.
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